



The US Navy informs you about the Vieques Cleanup

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Munitions Response Program Progress through December 2006

We continue making progress:

- 235 acres in the Live Impact Area (LIA) and 65 acres of beaches have been surface cleared.
- Over 2,300 live munitions removed.
- Over 100,000 munitions-related items removed.
- 754 tons of metal processed.
- Provided 40-hour OSHA training and UXO awareness training for 48 residents.
- 63 residents employed onsite.
- Additional training classes have been held, and more than 50% of the munitions work force are members of the local community.



September 2006



January 2007

Central Processing Center continues to be operational within the LIA

The Central Processing Center (CPC) established on-site within the LIA is processing scrap metal recovered during munitions clean up efforts. The CPC uses equipment to reduce range and munitions debris to manageable sizes for transfer to scrap metal facilities. The munitions are processed by shearing, cutting, crushing, and thermal treatment. The CPC's shearing and cutting capabilities have been used to process hundreds of tons of scrap metal. Equipment is being installed to enable munitions to also undergo crushing and thermal treatment.



Regulatory Agencies and Navy Tour West Vieques Site to Select Sampling Locations

On Thursday January 18, 2007, representatives from the Navy, EPA, PREQB, FWS, NOAA, and the Municipality of Vieques visited Solid Waste Management Unit (SWMU) 4 on the former Naval Ammunition Support Detachment (NASD) in western Vieques. The purpose of the visit was to select sampling locations within Laguna Boca Quebrada and ephemeral (intermittent) streams located at the site. The representatives toured the lagoon and portions of the ephemeral streams, and were briefed on the findings of an ecological study of the lagoon and a survey of the ephemeral streams. Based on the site visit, the agencies agreed to collect samples from 10 locations across the lagoon and 5 locations within the ephemeral streams. The samples will be collected during the current SWMU 4 Remedial Investigation and will help evaluate any impacts to these site features of former open burning/open detonation activities.